SENATE TAXATION EXHIBIT NO

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a major purchaser of Montana maiting barley

Montana Agricultural Purchases

As the nation's leading brewer, Anheuser-Busch is a major purchaser of U.S. agricultural products, including Montana-grown malting barley. Anheuser-Busch beers use the choicest golden barley, selected from the finest fields in America. Our purchases of millions of bushels of Montana malting barley directly contribute to the state's economy.

The Facts

- Anheuser-Busch beers use high-quality malting barley provided by growers in MT, ID, WY, ND, SD and MN.
- Busch Agricultural Resources, Inc. (BARI) purchases about
 9 million bushels of 2-row barley in Montana. Our facilities in Conrad and Fairfield handle these purchases and employ about 20 people.
- BARI also purchases about 8 million bushels of 6-row barley from eastern Montana. Our Sidney grain elevator handles these purchases.
- International Malting Company's facility in Great Falls will produce about 6.5 million bushels of malt annually for Anheuser-Busch. This IMC plant employs about 40 people.



Anheuser-Busch is proud to partner

with Montana's barley growers, providing a significant contribution to the state's agricultural economy.

Anheuser-Busch Wholesalers in Montana

Number of Wholesalerships 12

Employees 320 jobs

Annual Payroll \$12.5 million

Capital Investment \$16.6 million

Supplies Purchased \$6.8 million

State Excise Taxes & Fees on A-B Beer Sales in Montana \$2.8 million

Retailers Served Statewide 3,120 accounts